During 2008-09 Rajasthan has been allocated Rs. 97013.00 lakh under ARWSP and Rs. 90796.00 lakh has already been released. A statement showing the target and coverage of habitations by Rajasthan during the last three years and current year is given (*See* below).

(d) and (e) Rajasthan Government has sent a proposal for additional release of Rs. 630.00 crore to be spent during the current financial year for completing the on-going drinking water supply projects under Bharat Nirman. Such proposals for additional allocations are considered at the end of the financial year, based on the availability of savings, trend in expenditure and absorption capacity of the State.

Statement

Target and Achievement of Habitations under Rural Water Supply Programme during last three years and current year in Rajasthan

Year	Target				Achievements			
	Uncovered	Slipped back	Quality affected	Total	Uncovered	Slipped back	Quality affected	Total
2005-06	2033	6862	1057	9952	423	12827	96	13346
2006-07	527	1326	1000	2853	365	6625	1000	7990
2007-08	677	9230	9216	19123	643	3340	16986	20969
2008-09*	869	10888	13897	25654	253	1876	1719	3848

*As on January, 2009

Applications filed by India under Patent Cooperation Treaty

†380. SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that patent applications have been filed by India between 2004 and 2008 under Patent Cooperation Treaty;

(b) if so, the number of applications filed by representatives of India in each year of the above period; and

(c) the number of patents obtained by representatives of India in each year of the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Monthly Statistics, January, 2009 available on the website of the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), namely,

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

www.wipo.int, the year-wise number of PCT filings by India as country of origin from 2004 to 2008 is as under:

Year	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008*
Number of applications	724	679	833	901	690

*Data is provisional.

(c) The PCT administered by WIPO is a mechanism which makes it possible to seek patent protection for an invention simultaneously in a large number of countries by filing a single [international application] with a single patent office. Patents are granted by national patent offices. The published PCT monthly statistics does not contain data on granted patents.

Proposal to set up National Science and Research Foundation

381. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up National Science and Research Foundation (NSRF) of international standard in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up NSRF in Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) The Government has instituted a 'Science and Engineering Research Board' (SERB) of international standard in the country. The powers and functions of SERB include: serving as a premier multi-disciplinary research agency for planning, promoting and funding of internationally competitive research in emerging areas; identifying major inter-disciplinary research areas, and individuals, groups or institutions and funding them for undertaking research; evolving nationally coordinated programmes in various identified areas; involving institutions that will have a multiplier effect in promoting research; assisting in setting up infrastructure and environment for scientific pursuit; achieving synergy between academic institutions, research and development laboratories and industry for promoting basic research in science and engineering; evolving a management system to speedily provide for funding research, including monitoring and evaluation, by adopting modern management practices; and evolving participation a in international collaborative projects, wherever necessary or desirable. The Head Office of the Board shall be at Delhi or in the National Capital Region.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The Government will ensure the enhanced participation of States including Madhya Pradesh in building up the research programmes under the newly instituted SERB.